

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 19, lines 9-25 as follows:

For the preparation of the compound wherein the 3-position or the 4-position of the piperidine nucleus is substituted by a cyano group or Y^1 , the route for preparing the compound of the formula (5) is employed. For example, the compound of the formula (3) is reacted with the compound of the formula (4) in an amount of 1 to 1.5 mole equivalent in the presence of a base such as sodium hydride in an amount of 1 to 1.5 mole equivalent or more at a temperature of from room temperature to a boiling point of the solvent to be used, and further reacted with the compound of the formula (4') in the the presence of a base such as sodium hydride in an amount of 1 to 1.5 mole equivalent or more at a temperature of from room temperature to a boiling point of the solvent to be used, and the protecting group for a hydroxy group of the resultant is removed to give the compound of the formula (5). In the cases of $m'=n'=2$, the compound of the formula ~~(4)~~(3) may be reacted with the compound of the formula (4) in an amount of 2 to 3 mole equivalents in the presence of a base such as sodium hydride in an amount of 2 to 3 mole equivalents.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 26, lines 4-9 as follows:

The compound of the formula (8) or the compound of the formula (12) obtained in the above Process (A) or ~~(C)~~(B) is subjected to reduction using diisobutyl aluminum hydride (DIBAL) in an amount of 1 to 1.5 equivalent in a halogenated hydrocarbon solvent (e.g.,

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methylene chloride) at a temperature of from under ice-cooling to room temperature to give the compound of the formula (56).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 66, line 27 through Page 67, line 3 as follows:

Octadecyl-chemical bond-type silica (ODS), ~~Pore~~ Particle size: 5 μ m, ~~Particle~~ Pore size: 12 nm, Column length: 50 mm, Column inner diameter: 4.6 mm (trade name: YMC CombiScreen ODS-A (S-5 μ m, 12 nm) 50x4.6 mm (YMC Co., Ltd.))